THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1879.

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No Merriment Without Liberty. To-day we are merry. The whole country

is merry. The country is free. Under monarchical Governments there

may be more nominal holidays; but a sense of deprivation and of oppression pervades the masses of the people.

We are all happy to-day and merry because we live in the freest land on earth. How will it be next year if GRANT is elected to a third term, and the first long, fetal stride toward Imperialism is taken? We shall then begin to realize that our merry days are over.

Gambling in the Army.

Senator PLUMB of Kansas, who lives near enough to the frontier to know something of the manner of life of our army officers, proposes to stop gambling among them by legislation. He will introduce a bill into Congress making gambling or betting at cards punishable by discharge from the military service, or otherwise, as a court martial may decide. An officer who shall win money from a junior officer is especially pointed out for exemplary punishment.

This is not the first attempt by the same Senator to get a new article of war passed to cure the army officers of the habit of playing poker and other games at eards for money. Other men may play for stakes occasionally or often, and a great many of our most reputable citizens see no zest in any game at cards unless something is staked on it. Like the late Commodore VANDERBILT, they cannot understand grown men sitting about a card table late at night "playing for fun." In the army, however, gambling is said to be the regular occupation of the daily and nightly hours of very many of the officers; and being men of incomes which are not enormous, so much play is apt to eat up their salaries. Some of them cannot resist the temptation to get money on false pay accounts, or to cheat in other ways to pay their card-table debts. They gamble for a great deal more than they can afford, and get such a passion for the vice that in order to satisfy it they will cheat the Government or the citizens will, whom they deal.

But how can legislation stop the evil? The officers on the frontier, who have so many idle hours to dispose of, who are not under the social restraints of a refined society, and who make a law unto themselves, have no prejudices against gambling, and without it, existence would be a burden to them. A dozen prohibitory articles of war would not stop them from engaging in their favorite amusement, any more than legislation against drunkenness can keep men sober. A greater army vice than gambling, is the guzzling of spirits; and yet that goes on at a fearful rate, and causes far more disaster than playing for money.

It is easy to get around any article of war against gambling, for the stakes may not be on the table, neither need the representative chins be there; they may be in the their mite; minds of the players. Men who are determined to gamble, and who are ready to "" stand by each other in any such deception, will be sure to find a means of gratifying their desire for play.

Senator Plums, therefore, wastes time in introducing his new article of war against gambling in the army. It will go on, in spite of legislation, until military life is radically changed from what it now is; and the prospect of such a transformation is not encouraging. Drinking, gambling, swearing, and other victors practices will continue to attend the business o' soldtering so long as it is kept up. To get rid of the army gamblers, you must get rid of the array.

Pausing on the Brink of War.

of war. Early in the present mently the Christmas display on Brandway: occupy and intrench Gasim, on the River Rahal, and Bahia, on the Render, the twomain roads leading from Abyssmin to the Soudan. Orders were sent to the commander of the Soudan to strengthen all his gar-Abvasinia with Egyptian troops,

Such was the situation of affairs three weeks ago. New, however, the tidings are to have lost the capacity of telling good that Gordon Pasha will return to Massas | writing from bad, though it has made itself wah, there to meet delegates from King an averd in the Wall etreet tricks of the John to confer about Beass; and Gonron great confidence operator. gives out that he has received a letter from King John in which the latter potentate says he will renounce his nurpose of golder to war if Egypt and her self-appointed Ens. theme of two Kondish amgazines. In the ropent guardians will aid him to collect Godfonco's Magazine, "The Member for overdue bills for vassainge from King Max- the Chiltern Handreds" shows that a relic ALER of Shoa. The latter personage is the of the abuses of the erabsfore the Reform one that spoiled a previous war with Errort | bill still largers in the form of more than by revolting against King Jone's authority thirty pocket boroughs, in which the inat a critical moment.

new overtures of King Jons is due to a where cardinates must look for success different cause—the lack of funds. To use the some one over any above the electors. In the somewhat stilted phrase of the London Macandles's Magazine the Hon. F. A. R. Russ hunger;" and after that explanation it was a election expenses the House of Commons is Office should not be passed in the Senate with hardly necessary for the Loudon newspaper | uppure constitution which the most worthy to add that "Egypt never really bounds of them trescheduled by their limited means, annexing Abyssinia, a country full of means | The cost of gretting elected runs often

from his subjects

Abyssinian chiefs in preserving peace. The creditors of Ismail Pasha feel that war is too expensive a game for a debt-ridden Viceroy to play at and the British gunboat Sea Guil and the French transport that hurried to Massawah possibly were des-British and French subjects. King John, on his part, has already shown a degree of tractability unexpected in the successor of the obstinate Theopone, by promising to release, at the intercession of France and other European powers, the Bishop of Massola, Vicar Apostolie over a portion of Abyssinia, whom the King recently seized and

Thus the war which seemed imminent a few weeks ago may now possibly be avoided. It would almost certainly be avoided should Egypt yield to King Jonn's not the sea.

ing.

It would be cruel of us, and betray a lack of humane feeling of which we should not wish to be accused, to omit to express our heartielt sympathics for Jay Gould's young men and women in their present straits. As one of them remarked in the leading article of fast Sunday's Trileere, we Americans are too chary of our words of | panies. sympathy and encouragement for the suffering and hard-pressed.

The labors of these unfortunate people. have lately been increased by the publication of the Tellane on seven days of the week instead of six. It is their duty, therefore, to prepare an intellectual repast for Sunday as well as for the secular days, and in doing It they must not only strain their consciences, but also exhaust their brains and put their nerves to too great tension. Under such circumstances, the mind is apt to grow morbid, and the tired imagination will conjure up strange and weird fanciesa sad and unhealthy product. We should almost have preferred to get along without the Sunday Teibone altogether rather than to see these evidences of painful brain work.

Take the leading article on last Sunday. It was on Christmas gifts, a pretty and appropriate subject, and yet how sad it was! We all would lond the back of Santa Claus, and yet poverty may keep some from putting in his hampers even a trifling gift, though they go filled with the precions burden of their affections! Yet what is the gift without the affection, and how much better is the affection without the gift if the heart goes not with it?

Every one who has a soul above the sordid things of this world wishes to make a present this Christmas, and fortunately there are more people now who are able to do it than the country has contained for ten years | like so many cattle! back. We searcely remember a time when there was so much holiday shopping as there is this December. The merchants are in fine spirits, and the clerks are on the jump day and night. The Tribuse puts it in this way: This a beganify and which is never select on thrust-tes the wall a radi diving no clying, and it is one of the market reliable of the year's boverty why more should tend in the #ay when our true love would show itself

It is always so, however, and there is no riddle about it, except such riddle as there poverty, competence and want. Moreover, nobody should yield to a "rash frenzy for giving." for what value can we place on our friend's gifts if we know he bought them

when he was not in his right mind? A few more extracts from this leading article will further indicate the unfortunate effects of Jay Gound's cruelty in compelling his people to get out a Sunday newspaper. Here is a call on the people to be profuse in

" if we have the menes, let us spend it. It is worth

Here is a word to parents touching the need of fathoming the depths of their chil-

dron's hearis: bell more to meath of the oil die hot all full of min-different life the property of the means the of min-lities with the property of the means worth of real what has here there we have father home of three What has here the termine. These many worth of real recomming many distributions has speak and he had to an his conserve, to set its hand up as the maker of his test. There is the intelligent the basis of the table. All the Condress has two hors he has done for them, they the state doubt and take has place to them in all four lives. But do they say not? of the beginning remain disenterly, chattering of the

In another article on the leading page of Egypt furnishes just now a striking ex- | Sunday's Tribuse we find this philosophie ample of the truth that money is the sinews and imaginative bit of writing regarding the

Government of Ismail, Pashia, highly indigmant at the failure of Gouton's mission and
the attitude of Ring John, ordered its forces
to prepare for war with Abyssinia. At once
there was commotion in the War Office at
Cairo and in the harbor of Savz. An officiality
army 8,000 strong was to embank for Arkike,
on the Red Sea, thence to move against Adm,
the capital of Abyssinia; while the defensive
army, 12,000 strong, under Gouton, was to
occupy and intrench Gasin, on the River

We have no wish to east ridicule on this work, which is so evidently hystorical; but risons on the Abyssinian frontier, and it was what shall we say of the editor who has no even reported that Gon Gondon had been more taste and judgment than to encourdirected to proceed to Dender and invade signits production, and then to print it on his leading pure? Since JAY GOUED took hold of the Trisome that newspaper seems

Reform in Palamentary elections is a fluence of an individual or a family is The alaerity of Egypt in accepting the | equal to that of the constituency, and Times, "poverty has driven out earth- such argues that owing to the energity of

tains and ravines, the inhabitants of which high up note the thousands of pounds. In are trained to warfare." A German traveller | 1844, for in-tance, the election expenses of has recently written to the North German | four extends for its North Burham exceed-Guartte that the King of Alexanna's miso on \$1500 . or on exemps of part \$1500. destitute of the means of conductation game | each and the other obtained figures hardly munition and officers. But a sing which has I seestaving were reported. These are cast When, lost suring it was proposed to change three times overwhelmed Lagraran involument trems around a little available and expression of public printing, now of a columns, and never yet has been defeated, respective vertically exist to exhault a columns and never yet has been defeated, respective probably does not feel the need of better and even when a member is returned with kind were discovered at the back of the moveofficers than he now has, while the greed of contropposition, it generally costs him sevtraders will find a way to supply him with crul hundred pounds. In 1871 the elections munitions and arms despite his lack of in the English countles alone, excluding access to the sea. The detection of Manager. Wates, cost the candidates \$4,750,000. The is probably the real emise of King form's cost of more other to a candidate is between hesitation after having once murebecknerous standard is in the a large borough, and the Khedive's frontier and levied tribute | from \$1,500 to \$2,000 in a small one. Resides meeting his election expenses, the repres Printer, and would have done the job out of Strong European influences aid the pov- sentative of a small borough is expected to | hand if they could only have agreed about the

jects. The campaign expenses are usually borne by the candidate, and but seldom by the party. It is not surprising that, under these circumstances, candidates are selected, as a rule, not for their intellectual qualifications and fitness for the duties of timed for other service besides protecting | the position, but for their financial ability and their willingness to meet the pecuniary demands made upon them.

For the evil fruits of this system Mr. RUSSELL points to the composition of the House of Commons. Its chief and glaring defect is its lack of representative character. Not more than one in every hundred educated men can afford to enter it. Its seats are mostly held by local magnates and rich men. Men of limited means in the upper and middle classes, worthy citizens of large towns, representatives of the farming and industrial interests, form but a wholly unreasonable demands—to wit, free- small part of the Commons. The profesdom from customs duties and free access to sions, other than the legal, military, and naval, are but poorly represented. There is a noteworthy absence of men of litera-What Jay Gould Regards as Fine Writ- ture, medicine, education, science, trade, commerce, and production. The great preponderance of those who are wealthy and enjoy their ease is shown by the fact that in the beginning of 1878 as many as 239 memmilitary and naval forces, 286 with the magistracy, 176 with the aristocracy, while 145 were chairmen or directors of railway com-

The reform which Mr. RUSSELL proposes is that the Government pay the expenses of Parliamentary elections. The estimated cost of an election to the candidates is about \$5,000,000. By Government supervision this sum might be reduced one-half for each election, or \$625,000 a year, assuming that au election takes place on an average once in four years. This would represent something less than two pence per head of the population, or about the price of a pint of beer.

Senator Wallace on Rhode Island. In no part of this country is money used more freely at elections than in New England, and in none are the voters more cruelly and systematically bulldozed. Senator Water LACE, it will be recollected, led a Senate Committee up into Rhode Island to inquire into those matters there, and now writes to a citizen, who memorialized Congress on the subject, that the charges have been fully sustained. But one passage in his letter strikes us as very much out of place. "I am," says the Senator, "not only gratified but satisfied at the result. The facts chiefted in reference to the use of money at elections were of invaluable importance.'

This is the language of a reckless partisan, and not of a statesman. "Gratifled" and "satisfied" because he finds an Amerlean State honeycombed with corruption, and its voters bought or driven to the polls

It Costs Too Much Money.

The statement of so high an authority as Col. ALEXANDER McClure that Republicans are generally complaining of the waste of the public money in the entertainments. given Gen. GRANT, is a striking indication that GRANT is not so very popular in his own party.

We hope to see this tide of disapprobation swell. It may save the Republican party is in the distinctions between wealth and | and the country the infliction upon them of GRANT as a candidate.

Let the people reflect how it would be with GRANT as Emperor, sucrounded by the most costly and corrupt court in the world!

Christmas festivities would be incomplete in the villages and hamlets of the interior without a sleigh ride; and happily this may be enjoyed to-day in all its perfection, for a mantie of snow covers the ground from Maine to the great lakes. The ponds and rivers, too, should be in condition for sketing, since the cold wave of Sunday list was biting enough to make loc of several inches thickness. In northern New York, indeed, it was something severer than usual, the mercury marking twenty degrees notice where the cold or warm, cloudy or fair, the young folks up country will have their yolly times all the same for Christians has comed to use and the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the name to be used as Vice-Production for the name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used as Vice-Production for the cold with name to be used to the cold with the cold with name to be used to the cold with the cold with name to be used to the cold with the times all the same, for Christmas has come to be their chief boilday, and they have learned to enjoy it. May it be merrier than ever to-day !

Still the six-day walkers struggle on, and some of them are making famous scores. That out of sixty-five starting more than a third should already have withdrawn was to be expected; but the number who remain upon the track on Saturday night will doubtless exceed all procedent. When he three favorites, MERRITT, MURPHY, and P. J. PANCKOT, withdraw, FARER and HART segan a close and exciting contest for the lead, which they have kept up ever since. After a hard push, the lean pastry cook gained the advantage, and seemed to his admirers to have he first prize in his grasp-to use their phrase, was his "pie." But after some hours, the slored walker shot to the from and then it sked as if the pastry cook's ple would be Hanr's black pudding. The leading records thus far are excellent, and the average of the first twelve men is unprecedented in six-day walking contests. Tu-day, being Christmus, their leves will no doubt be crowded; but to most of the tired walkers it will be anything

The Rev. A. J. ROWLAND is the pastor of a Baptist church in Philadelphia. The thirdterm high jinks seem to have been too much for Brother Rowland. Prouching on Sunday from the text, " He came unto his own, and his own received him not," Brother Rownant an-Gaskr man. He then went on to say that, in the event of GRANT's being elected President next year, some of those who had welcomed im to Philadelphia would probably get offices This grated a little on the ears of some of the old-findsioned Baptista in the pews, and there was an audible murmur of surprise not to say disapproval. Thereupon Brother Rowland made haste to say that great as Ghanr's rewards might be, they were not so great as CHRIST's-or words to that effect.

Story writers who tell of revolt and murder at sea rarely invent a more terrible tale than that told of the bark Danovario's voyage, Believing that gold was in the vessel, two of the erew planned to murder all on board, and they had killed two men and wounded as many more fore the Captain appeared and shot both of them dead—a summary but seemingly postill-

Supreme Court reports at the Public Printing but closer sefuting than it appears to have reserved in the House. On its face is proposed to is repen the backs by easting a new burden on the Traisury-that is, the tax anyer is to bear the larger portion of the charge which now falls unon the lawyer who buys and uses the books, Who originated this novel scheme? Who peti-lions for its passage? Do the Judges advise at? ment; and if this new matter should be carefully cosed ipto, it would probably be found to have originated in the disappointment of some law publishing house, which, having falled to secure contract from the reporter, takes this method furthing revenge or of crippling a rival. It is little curious that the Democrats, who only the ther day were so eager to abolish the Public

erty of Egypt and the jealousy of rival contribute to charities and other local ob- division of the spoils, should now be so ready to crowd fresh work upon the office. The Judiciary mmittee of the Senate will do well to examine this bill before they authorize some gentleman who "has it in charge," as the phrase goes among them, to report it on his individual re-

> sponsibility. RANDALL and BLAINE have more than once run against each other for the Speaker-ship of the House; but they have not yet run against each other for the Presidency of the

> United States, The British press has a rumor that Yaxoon Khan's buried treasures, recently dug up at Callul, are in flussian gold. The notice e thing seems to be, not what kind of gold the Ameer's treasure consisted of, but that he voluntarily disclosed and gave up this great treasure to the British authorities as proof of a fidelity to them; and that when they found that his wealth was nil buried, as he had sold they took possession of every coin of it, and sent the Ameer under guard to Peshawur, let-ting him understand that it was only proverbial British generosity that spared him from the gaillows.

Gas stocks may weaken, but Electrician Sawyen stands like a stone wall. In a letter addressed to the editor of THE SUN, he renews his profession of unshaken incredulity in the ed discoveries of Mr. Edison. He concedes bers of the House were connected with the | that Mr. Epison is a "mechanical genius," but denies that he has any rightful claim to the title of electrician. Several of Mr. Epison's alleged discoveries and improvements in electric lighting are fully covered, he says, by his own patents; the horseshoe lamp in particular is derided by Mr. Sawven, who avers that he himself invented it, tested it over a year ago, discarded it as worthless, and because it was such an utter fallure decided that it wouldn't pay to take out a patent on it. In short, Electrician Sawren neserts that Mr. Epison "has absolutely nothing that is new or valuable in electric lighting." Electrician Sawyan has an electrie light of his own, however, which he promises to exhibit, "in practical household use," in this city next week.

> Why extreme age should be deemed, in nodern times, a qualification for a Secretary of the Navy, is a question that the experts may be interested in looking up. Grandfather WELLES was nearly 67 when he tinished his areer in the Secretaryship, having been born in 1802. Futher Bonin is well along in years. As for the Ancient Mariner, when he lectures ac revels in reminiscences of the early Presilents. Speen Rozeson was not old when he ook the office-at least, not old in years; still, if he should be cited as an exception to the rule, it would go to show that exceptions are dan-

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

G. Washington Childs of Philadelphia, A. M. From the Distingue Making Berald. There are nature's noblemen of such active benevolence, such generous instincts, that it would be four violence to their innate products to repress their impulses to generous and munificent deeds. Day arter day they seem to excel themselves by some new action of princely liberality, either for the general welfare, some public occasion, or for the hemself or the Belpless near. Foremest among such living benefactors ranks

eorge W. Childs, proprietor of the Philadelphia Leiper. Maryland can boast of a Wart, a Pinkney, a Elogroid, a Barney, an Alien P. Smith, Brantz Mayer, and George W. Chills. A matter of Baltunore, though a resident of Philadelphia for more than thirty years, he has there achieved, unaided, save by his own resources, a resimon f whileh any man may be trood. His great wealth-in wad of rendering had world and avarieto tellow beings. His came is a synear or for loyalty, truth and generosity. With a lavish hand he distributes han tives, without the eligatest return being sought or ex-

Now, it is a well-astablished fact that professional politicing, not possessing a title of George W. Unide's tal-cuts of administrative stallty, are increased by integrand ous demonstrations, protestant trades, principles, and practices, but as yet, we believe, as prominent representative of the press, assipt florace directly, has been brought ferward to positival homes. Providing to induce most result be offered Mc Calife to research to allow

A French Contemporary on the Third Term.

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the Linna A Democrat, and voted for S. J. Til-h Lexport to the action. Story Warmen Learning.

For the Poor of Ireland.

To THE LIGHTON OF THE SUN-SEC. The touching motion of Long Blanche Murdin in benalt of the suffering poor of Iroland awares a responsive throb of symmethy notife bearts of American women, so many of which have been a become and them with thirt under the control of the The bill providing for the printing of the Monagers Latine Lecture Bureau, A. West Programming

New York, Dec. 20.

They Won't Go to the Beer Garden. To THE LECTION OF THE SECS-SEC. My letter

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Grant's Absurd Proposition.

To THE EDUTOR OF THE SUN-SOC: Is it not To THE fall the transfer of the fall of th

STORM SIGNALS.

The Conspirators of 1876.'27 Again Preparing to Thwart the Will of the People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-If the statement attributed to Hayes be authentic, as there is reason to believe it is, that he regards the right to ount and declare the vote for President as vested exclusively in the Vice-President under the Constitution and that he will recognize that declaration whenever made as the official completion of the election, it is the most important and significant utterance that ever dropped from his lips.

It is important because his position enables him to bring on a revolution in the Govern-ment, if disposed to go to that length, and it is significant as indicating a purpose to override any rule that Congress may prescribe for counting the electoral votes, and to seat another fraudulent or minority President in the White House against the wishes and the will of the people expressed at the ballot box. It is now an open secret that the Republicans never intended, in any condition of things, to

give up the possession of power and patronage in 1877. The frauds by which the Presidency was stolen were deliberately concected, looking to a contingency in which force, if necessary, would have been exerted to keep Tilden out. If, in spite of all the precautions taken, there had been any siip in the Eight-by-seven Commission, which was hardly possible, the Republican Senate would have contested the votes of Louisiana, South Carolina, and Fiorida until

the 4th of March. On that day, the methods provided by the Conitution having falled, and there being no President, Grant would have assumed to hold over until a new election could be ordered, under an opinion prepared by Caleb Cushing to meet the case. In other words, Grant was rendy to imitate the example of Louis Nanoleon These startling facts, which belong to the history of that eventful period, explain the collecting of choice troops at Washington during the winter of 1876, the putting them on a war footing, and the connecting the arsenal where they were stationed, the Capitol, the War Department, and the White House, for the first time, by telegraph.

They also tell pretty plainly what Grant meant when he said, in answer to the suggestion that the Democrats might have transported one hundred thousand men to Washington; 'I was prepared for them." The country was on the very verge of a civil war, which the conspirators were ready to provoke rather than | no little patronage. This is the position of all submit to defeat or surrender the Government to their opponents. The Republican leaders | cure. Fat contracts without number might well knew that the existence of the party dethe canals in these five years of Democratic rule could be made the pretext for wholesale pended entirely upon continued possession of power; that, if Mr. Tilden ever entered the White House, not only was the party doomed in advance to destruction, but many of the chiefs to utter personal ruin, from the exposures that would follow investigation.

Hence they decided, cost what it might, that Mr. Tilden, though elected by a great majority of the people and of the Colleges of Electors, should never take his seat. And that conspiracy covered every contingency that could be foreseen by sharp, designing, and dangerous men. who staked all on the result. The man on whom they most relied for the final consummation was Grant, though Gen. Sherman did all the preparatory work, and was inside the plot from the beginning.

Now we are on the eve of another Presidential contest. It is generally expected that Grant will be the Republican candidate. He has been in regular training for more than two years, under the direction of a faction who mean rule or ruin. His tour around the world, the ova-tions from San Francisco to Philadelphia, the hob-nobbing with Confederate Brigadiers, and the projected trip through the South are all parts of a preconcerted plan of political campaign for a third term, in which the Nicaragua Canal figures as a piece of inferior strategy.

The managers of this movement are well aware that upon a fair vote of the American people, with Grant as the Republican candidate, and an acceptable Union man, free from any taint of Bourbonism and entitled to public confidence, as his opponent, Grant would be badly beaten by the combined Independent, Conservative, and German vote. But they are desperate, and do not care about the popular vote. They are less inclined to go out now than they were in 1877, and the misdeeds of this fraudulent Administration have made its members interested in maintaining the ascendancy of the

But for Grant Haves would not have been declared President. Though there is no personal love lost between them, a common interest drives them together. It is desirable for both to keep hidden the secrets that, if exposed, would darken the history of the last ten years. Mr. Sherman thinks that Gan, Grant would The Democrats hold both Houses of Congress, to the weakest of all the cardistates that the Republicans could need by patients of the mode of counting the Fresidenses of the first that example of the first terms of the first term gives out in advance that he considers the Vice-President's act as above that of Congress, and that he will recognize no other. And Gen. Sherman wants a regiment of artiflery stationed at Washington, and is said to be making preparations at the arsenal for their reception! Are these not storm signals? If not, what are they?

A German Voter's Sentiments.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: This morning I read an article in The Sus headed. The Shadow of the Third Term," in which you said that the German Bepublicans are opposed to the Grant movement. It is periectly true that, if Gen. Grant should be nominated, Germans in a body will fall off from the Republican party, and will declare unanimously against him; not because they dislike him personally, and not so much because they have a strong reputnance to imperialism, but locause they prefer an honest government. It cannot be deuted that under President Grant's administration trandof every sort flourished in a way mover known before. commutting the most shameful entrages, and thus brought increase over the nation. Therefore it is found that if representation to three district on the matter 1 make that Bepublican party. Gen. Grant, like every other man, is my human. His traveling over the Eastern hemi-chere, his visits to the different courts, and the honors a stowed upon him will not prevent his appointing men to his Calinet who are unworthy of trust, and it is very thely that the country would again be overspread by fraud, which must always be a horror to every honest mair. The names of Belknap, Robeson, Rabrock, and Boxs shootherd have not vamilied from the memory of the

A third term of Plysses 8 Grant ought to be, under all or car unistances, out of question. It would doctroy the Repulsican party. George Washington, the father of the nation, and Andrew Jackson, Presidents elected by the seonie for their herotsus, never thought of a third term, but wrote their names on the pages of history thankful to the soldlers of the Pulsus, therefore it is quite natural that they should receive Gen Grant, on his return from his two years' journey, with all the hon-ors they have bestowed upon him. But to press him to accept, or is allow him to obtain a third term would be entirely wrone. The Kepublican party has enough states now who, if placed at the head of the correstment, would make the nation. The mostle, Let us have an homeodobic standard by their this convectoration. My maximize the quid optic publisher opined representation. Therefore, and optically a state of the convector opined representations.

Mr. Field's Money not Wanted.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In your the on Sunday last of the monument to Nathan Hale. which Cyrns W. Field promised to provide whenever the Historical Society could indicate the precise locality of the Society Could indicate the precise locality of the Society Could indicate the precise locality of the Society Could for the society that both in the society is the Society to be bossed that both or society is the society to be bossed that both or will be self-to the form in the society of the society to be found in the society of the society of the society of the society of the first society and extended on the society of the first society and extended on American and contains the particular form of the society of which Cyrus W. Field promised to provide who never the

Pacific Const Fire News.

From the Parcile Life. Did not Broderick I walk away with Columbian 11's big man," on an unexpectedly short run, Monday might? Tiger 14 and Laberty Hose were also getter too were and too creen to set way with powerful Kuckerbocker a, who has such a big crew. From the Gold Hill News

Lincoln How bors are giving the new house, formerly the Medicalet church, a thorough resulting. The strught and narrow way " which led into the sanctuars will not do for our fire boys, theirs is the broader way to hotter places, and hence higger does to their houses are necessary, out of which they can go in a burry.

THE CANAL RING'S PUSH FOR POWER. Hope Telling a Flattering Tale to the Thrifty Stalwarts of Saline Onondaya.

to be a power in politics, and have since been

heard from only as making feeble opposition

to Gov. Tilden and latterly to Gov. Robinson.

Not so the Republican wing. Intropehed in

Onondaga County, with city and county offices

and patrenage assured, and in close combina-

tion with the large salt interests, its members

For five years they have controlled Syracuse elec-

have contrived to keep their heads above water.

tions, sending Hiscock to Congress, McCarthy to

the State Senate, Alvord and two lesser, but not

less obedient tools, to the Assembly, naming Bel-

cessive terms, and then selecting his successor.

have controlled in the aggregate a large num-

two nominations of Howard Soule for State

Engineer and Surveyor and the score of votes

given in this year's Convention to their candi-

date for Governor; nor were they in such dis-

repute in the party as to prevent Alvord's elec-

aggressive in politics, preferring, seemingly, to

and grow fat again on the resultant contracts.

They evidently think the opportunity at hand.

having at their disposal, practically, the entire

patronage of the great State. The Canal Ring

makes a dash for the biggest prize-the Super-

intendency of Public Works, pushing forward

the one Republican candidate on the State

ticket who was defeated at the November elec-

tion. The Superintendent of Public Works has

control of the construction and repair of the

others that the Canal Ring would delight to se-

and lucrative repairs.

then be expected, for the light expenditures on

The Ring is unfortunate in its candidate. Mr.

Soule's reputation is tarnished by serious scan-

dals not remotely connected with the very canal

of which he seeks to make further use, all of

of which he seeks to make further use, all of which were duly noticed in the late canyass. The neconic indicated their judgment of his qualifications as a public servant by withholding votes enough to put him twenty thousand behind his ticket and to defeat him—a vertiet that could have only one meaning, since nothing was urged against Soule except his acts as a member of the Canal Ring.

Of the probability of Mr. Soule's nomination as successor to Mr. Clark I say nothing more than that there is diversity of ordinion among well-informed persons. But it may be suffit hat Belden, Hiscock, McCarthy, and the rest are using every endeavorto accomplish it. Belden, especially, is flitting between Albany, Syracuse, and New York, seeningly forgetful that he has

The Famine in Silesia.

Silesta is assuming serious proportions. At least ninety per cent, or the inhabitants of the districts which suffer

publish 12,886,000 marks, and from 2,000,000 marks for required to maximize the most published by the control of the control o

Disaffection in Ireland About Relief Funds.

Feeding the Poor in the Old World.

LONDON, Duc. 24.-In pursuance of the time-

due to in the various districts for the purpose of making

Forty Degrees Below Zero.

HISMARCK, D. T., Dec. 24 - A severe storm

have raged throughout the whole Northwest territory for the past two weeks. The mercury at Parco has been

of past two works. The mercery of Farce has been down to 4 decrees once now at this point 24 decrees below. Transcent has Northern Points road have been almost constantly for road in tribs. Walter, but has a constant property of the first model of the farmer practical and the first model of the farmer practical and other practical and other practical and other practical and other practical of the part of the farmer practical and the first model of the part of the farmer practical and the first part of the farmer property of the farmer practical and the farmer practical and the farmer practical and the farmer property of the farmer practical and the farmer pra

Another Sulcide from the Suspension Bridge.

NIMBARA FALLS, N. Y., Doc, 24,-A gentle-

man, about 60 Years of ann, respectable dressed sup-lessed to the S. A. Skiessor Katholdvylle, S. V., attackle a, its attention, luminosity of the new sessestation leading at the river period. The best has not been bound.

Christmas Bells.

From the Celtie Monthly.

Christmas belief old Christmas belief

I have your belies as all the Christmas belief

The wall be seed to see the field

With a second cover telepia.

Ye have been a second telepia.

Delief in disperse of telepia.

Collected within which the beauty.

Thou block all seriew course.

Hits out, ring out, we become bells. Your has not a saver such spirit. For our sailty some interest shall spirit. For our course some base has is all the grown in the form the same of th

O merry bulls: O loyous hells! Yo bring again to the The direction of the The direct of works in the The direct of works in the That build any brighted or Authorise to main a sweary breast four lors and to be easified our rest. To that at his home carlied our rest, When stormy scenes are crossed.

Ye bring to me that hallowed sput,

canals, and, through his assistants, deals out

-Notwithstanding the competition of American companies, 400,000 sewing machines were made in Germany last year, and probably many more ALBANY, Dec. 24 .- That the Republican

wing of the old Canal Ring hopes for a new lease of life under the incoming State Govern--To add realistic effect to "Uncle Tom's Cable," at Loransport, Ind., a live bloodbound was intra-duced, and the trute heightened the realism by breaking ment is evinced by its notivity in pushing candidates for important positions and by the attention paid to its demands. Since Gov. Tilden

his chain and biting an actress errously -A bird dealer at Des Moines sold a par-

-Sporting guns are now made in England with the hammers concealed in the lock mechanism in ternally, so that persons who prefer to handle their

in carrying off the ribbons of the furf, is staying at Con-nes, and has with him his lockey, Fortham, who is in failing health. Lerd Rosebery, with similar consideration, has sent his juckey, Constable, to winter in Madeira. -Saunders's News Letter, the oldest paper in Ireland, died a lew weeks since. It was lately edited by Dr. Shaw, a fellow of Trintty College, Dahlin, a very

den, their leader, as Mayor of the city for two suc-Their influence has extended slightly into the table cutlery used in the United States came from England. At receept, out of an annual consumption of Oswego, Cayuga, Cortland, and Madison Counties, all of which border on Onondaga, and they nearly \$3,000,000 worth, England supplies but 8 per cen ber of Republican votes. They have been able to demand and obtain recognition in the State Republican Conventions, as is attested by the

America, Anstralia, and Europe. -A society of cotton pickers (colored) of Williston, S. C., are governed by their own laws in rela tion to their. The sum of five dollars was recently stolen, and the culprit was immediately tried by a jury of my and found guilty. He was sentenced to receive fity Inshes on his back, and be expelled from the society

tion a year ago as Speaker of the Assembly. Nevertheless, they have not been especially -The late Earl of Durham's two eldest sons were twins, and so marvellously alike that the elder, now Lord Durham, had to be marked for identis. await their opportunity to recapture the canala cation. He determined, however, that the second twin who only came into the world half an hour after his clier-brother, should be well provided for, and he built and laid out a charming residence called Fenton and at A Republican Governor and Legislature take possession of the State Government next week. tached an estate to it for him.

London by the efficienting elergyman, the rector of \$4. Peter's, Kensington, having at the Millais wedding, is stead or reading the last portion of the marriage service, substituted a new and improved version, in which it was explained, or rather stated, for no one could explain what was meant, that a husband should be as indulgent to a e as heaven is to the Church.

land, is to introduce next session a bill to abolish the arbitrary marriage regulations which compel marriages to be solemnized before moon. This has been a great ininvenience, especially to the working classes, and was introduced to prevent bibulous bachelors from present ing themselves at the after in an intexticated state, a danger which has passed away. -Jessel, the English Master of the Rolls,

who is a Jew, is regarded as the greatest equity lawyer who has sat in that court in this generation. He sees every point before it is stated by counsel, and when ever any of these gentlemen attempt a paradox, he demolishes it and its authors by a word. Neither of his predecessors

the lover of the young lady met the journalist in the theatre, and presented him with a package of goose quills. "This sir," said he, "is a present from Miss X." What!" exclaimed the critic, "did she tear all these out of you herself? How you must have suffered? -Pennsylvania may fairly claim to pos eras the stupidest man in the country. He is a farm nand near Lebanon, and was bired to plough a ten-acre field. His hose, wishing to have him plough a straight

over the field. -The usually wide-awake drummer gets absent-minded sometimes, and then something like this hangerist as related by the Rondont Freeman : "An arent for a New York house called on a merchant, yesterday, and handed him a picture of his betreflied instead of his

Bedden, Hisrack, McCarthy, and the rest are using every endeavorto accomplish it. Bedden, especially is flitting between Albany, Syracuse, and New York, seemingly forgetful that he has not settled up old Canul. Ring scores, the couris having decided that he must return to the State 387,000 wromfully taken on the Fort Schuyler contract. Being the sharpest of them all, the wire pulling and the scheming fails upon Bedden's shoulders. He is adroit and unscruptions, and possessed of great wealth.

The Iling pushes Alvord for Speaker of Assembly. Not that it is sanguine of his selection, but in arder to trade him off for good places on committees, and, in the event of a close contest, for appointments; for the Ring has neandiate for nearly every position on the canal from Superintendent down to bek tender. The Ring insists that the willy Senator McCarthy simil have conspicuous places on the Senate committees, including a Chairmannin as good as the best. McCarthy has been very useful to the Bing in protecting the sait combination in terests. His motives have been questioned sometimes, and an investigating committee that last winter sought to disclose the secret of his anfilied also were done the way receiving freight over the road at twenty centra hundred verifit, which his fellow merchanis were compelled to pay forty-eight cents. The Ring wants Meses Summers around the tents. into partnershi dred weight, while his fellow merchants were compelled to pay forty-eight cents. The Ring wants Moses Summors appointed to a canal appraisorship: indeed, there is scarcely a Syracuse politician but is being pushed with activity for some good place.

It is unquestionably true that these demands are being listened to. The Ring will send a strong delegation to the Sante Convention that names New York's delegates to the Chicago Convention. The Ring has always opposed air. Conkling. Are its score or more of delegates worth bargaining for? On the chicago convention.

constinct. Are dissected or more of delocates worth baracining for? On the other hand, the success of Mr. Corneit's administration must depend largely upon the integrity of the men no appoints to positions of trust. Would not concessions to this lungry band imperit that success? If concessions are made, there can be only one interpretation of the fact, and that is that the Canal Rine is to be given a very on final. Texas, advertised in the truly good Descon Richard and Smith's described a 15-year-old girl to marry. Marun for work and went fast and with Annie Loites, a young and pretty thief, to snawe the advertisement. Knight fixed Annie, and the match was quickly made. Martin claimed to be a clergyman is that the Canal Ring is to be given a new lease of life under Mr. Cornell. and in that assumed character performed a marriage ceremony, using a bosus license. While a wedting dimer was bring enter at a restairant, Martin and Anne stole Knight's walled but a vigilant detective arrested BERLIN, Dec. 24.-The famine in Upper

them before they could get off with the -Bob Pharr, a South Carolina negro, held that no writes man had a right to arrest him under any circumstances. He was a thirt, and that was the mon construed the meaning of th Amendment. Three policemen surrounded his house and he impred from a window, shooting one of them as he escured. He got out of a jail by snatching a just of from the Shoriff and chooting him with it. He killed a communities who was endeavoring to recapture him. I urdated his wife because he suspected her of intention deriver sum up. At leastly a party of police invaled long before his head and a pixtol were protruded from through his brain, killing him instantly.

London, Duc. 24.—There is much dissatistaction among the limit people because the Government has not applied the surplus of the frish Charetterial in the relief of the popular distress, which they are smoother than the popular distress, which they are smoother to the best to the best to the popular distress, which they are smoother to the best to the best of the popular distress, which they are smoother to the Section of Stronger to the following the transfer and availables of the chamber and the chamber are a marker value definition of the other popular to the chamber of the popular to the property of the distress of the distribution of the ... The San Francisco News Letter finds it the discipline of Melpourne the only radical cure to headhaness. The Melbourne police magistrate found that thes were necess, to smuch as hoodium smiles a regular substriction bank account to detray them, con acquently the authorities administer to those under N a good second flour liation with the birch red, after while the effect is turned among his colleagues, to whom his critic carries a legical convection which nothin room by wind, w breaking and other expensive pasting

critically in the various districts for the purpose of making propositions in give threshome attracts of the court of the purpose and actal the dissection of the court of the process of the court of the process of the court of The course was from Treviso to Padisa, and MX competitors appeared at the starting point. The flag was dropped at 3.0 to A. y, and by I hour and 46 minutes sing ward the leading horse passed the winning post. The second form was only a minute behind, the third are pushed the distance in I hear 30 minutes, the learth in I hear 35 minutes, the min in I hear 55; minutes, while the each tell lame and had to be stopped on the road. The horses were at once examined by the committee and tound to be in executent condition, considering the nature of the task they had just performed. Two horses a terward they were visited in their stables, when they gave a little evidence or being in any way distract that at the request or the committee the raters meaned exam in the asternoon, and rate them at a trotautiship

> - A page of the Czar's diary, if we may behere the son Francisco Non-Low grans as believes 1600 up not 7 x M and ordered me buts. Found for gallens o vited into acid that not take at Worth breakfast The N virial intra and did not have it. What he breakingst The N hinds him glaure two temperors up the stairs, but I be not strice in them. The reflectment is strongly is present and that two a credit to denth it. For more a result in the other reflect is not as a first that it was a first to the regular angle strong in a first training it of the regular angle strong in a first training it was the regular angle strong in a first training in a continuous and the more regular and a first in the regular and a first in the regular and the regular training and the strong training out the regular training and the strong training and training For an Larschemma-weight firsts every dish. He shell for the sampley of count aware a mainted sense has not restore a formal. In stall part these has been restored as a work of the breakers and we have been for the value. Whether his breakers and we shot at three times in the first set. But the salts as denie hunged. Wenthous to bed, and skept all mant of the reel of the polace."

THE SUB-PRESUMAN.

His brown was said, his rivek was wan, Harly will yet known in earth with the common for the com

The fairest spectors must be a the fair of the waters and the learth. Fourth scarce means the learth. For on the same as the se south. My fourth heart even swells. Where first I know but Love and Truth And heart the Christmas beds. E. CRONIN.

"Try not," the all manacet. In pass.
Then we should be less but as as a
Be raised blorger, and gain a groun,
A last, one pentury mush mass.
"I've dunked!"

exposed its fraudulent practices the Ring has been in comparative obscurity. The Demoeratic branch of it was utterly demoralized, The DeWolfs and Lords and Johnsons censed

rut for \$10. with the assurance that it did not know any bad language; but the purchaser soon found that it were like a trooper, and has seed to recover the money.

SUNDEAMS.

weapons from the muzzle in going through brush need not not death in the gun

-Mr. Crawford, who has been successful

genial, brilliant, and witty writer. On his retirement is rank slowly into a well-enried grave. It used once to be called in Dublin "Slaunder's Daily Abuse." -A little more than forty years ago all and this country not only manufactures nearly all that is needed at home, but ships large quantities to South

nce was executed to the letter.

-Some sensation has been created in

-Mr. Blennerhasset, M. P., for Kerry, Ire-

Lord Lauguste and Lord Romilly, was regarded as an eminent lawyer, though just and painstaking. -The dramatic editor of a French paper had occasion recently to criticise severely the performance of a somewhat popular actress. Shortly afterward

furrow, directed his attention to a cow grazing in an ad catting field, and told him to drive directly toward her On his return, half an hour later, he found the cow had left her place and was walking about, while the hired man, in pursuit of her, was drawing a zig-zag furrow all

business card, saving he represented that establishment The merchant examined it carefully, remarked that it was a fine establishment, and returned it to the astonished man, with a hope that he would soon be admitted

-Canon Liddon is regarded as the most brilliant of living Keglish preachers, fitcid, fortible im-positioned, nor fating, when occasion serves, to appeal to the tenderest sentiments of the heart. To hear him and see him at his best-for he then wears the black gard which becomes his dark tentures one should go to 8 but to learn his sermons by heart, keeps hobbing up and

-Martin, a Cincinnati sharper, was wait-